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SUBJ: REFUTATION OF ALLEGED U.S. INTERVENTION IN BOUGAINVILLE

1. BEN SABUMEI, FIRST ASST. SEC., DFRT, TOLD ME THIS MORNING THAT RUMORS ARE CIRCULATING ON BOUGAINVILLE RE ALLEGED U.S. INTERVENTION IN DISPUTE WITH CENTRAL GOVT., WHICH RUMORS DFRT WANTS US TO DENY.

2. ACCORDING SABUMEI, CARGO CULT IDEAS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING IN SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE SINCE RETURN OF FR. MOMIS FROM TRIP TO UN. USG IS ALLEGED TO HAVE PROVIDED MOMIS WITH MONEY DURING STAY IN U.S. USG IS ALLEGED TO HAVE PROMISED INTERVENTION ON SIDE OF SECESSIONISTS WHEN FIGHTING BREAKS OUT BETWEEN SECESSIONISTS AND CENTRAL GOVT., ACCORDING TO RUMOR. IN RETURN, USG WAS TO RECEIVE BASE RIGHTS ON BOUGAINVILLE, INCLUDING STATIONING OF 40,000 TROOPS AND HARBOR FACILITIES FOR A WARSHIP.

3. WE HAVE NOT HEARD THIS STORY FROM OTHER SOURCES BUT ARE AWARE OF WILDLY IMPROBABLE RUMORS CIRCULATING IN BOUGAINVILLE AND KNOW THAT CARGO CULTS HAVE EXISTED THERE FOR DECADES IF NOT LONGER.

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4. BELIEVE WE SHOULD COMPLY WITH DFRT'S REQUEST. RECOMMEND

THAT EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE STATEMENT ALONG FOLLOWING
LINES.

QUOTE. THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN PORT MORESBY HAS BEEN ADVISED
OF RUMORS CIRCULATING ON BOUGAINVILLE TO THE EFFECT THAT UNITED
STATES MILITARY AND NAVAL FORCES HAVE AGREED TO INTERVENE
TO ASSIST THE BOUGAINVILLE SEPARATISTS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO
SECEDE FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

THE EMBASSY WISHES TO STATE CATEGORICALLY THAT THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT HAS NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER OF INTERVENING IN THIS
PROBLEM. AS THE EMBASSY HAS PREVIOUSLY STATED, THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT DOES NOT SUPPORT SECESSIONIST MOVEMENTS IN
PAPUA NEW GUINEA. END QUOTE.

5. PLEASE REPLY ASAP.
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